Foundations of Excellence

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FoE Participation Goals

- Comprehensive plan across academic and student affairs to improve student success
- Road map to excellence for entering first-year students
- Input for undergraduate and first-year students into the UC Denver Strategic Plan
- Input into UC Denver budgeting processes
- Student, faculty and staff assessments used in upcoming Higher Learning Commission Self-Study

FoE Structure and Process

The UC Denver FoE process has two co-chairs, an executive steering committee, and 9 working dimension committees:

- Philosophy: Peter Bryant
- Organization: Lynn Masson
- Learning: Ann Martin & Lisa Gallagher
- Faculty: Tommy Stone
- Transitions: Carol Moon & Claudia Orlando
- All Students: Charlie Ferguson & Samantha Ortiz-Shriver
- Diversity: Zen Camacho
- Role and Purpose: Tom Rahal
- Improvement: Kenny Wolf

Faculty and Staff Survey

785 staff, faculty and administrators (49%) responded to FoE survey.

High Satisfaction:
- First-year instruction
- Academic advising

Low Satisfaction:
- Hiring process
- Utilization of assessment results
- Professional development

High Impact Improvement:
- Leveraging assessment results
- Faculty involvement

First-Year Student Survey

250 UC Denver freshmen (12%) responded to FoE survey.

High Satisfaction:
- Quality of instruction
- Standards of behavior
- Campus environment

Low Satisfaction:
- Making connections and interactions
- Academic advising

High Impact Improvement:
- High school to university transition support
- Academic advising
**FoE Student Results**

- 50% of entering Denver freshman selected UC Denver as their first choice.
- Entering freshmen selected UC Denver because:
  - strength of academic programs: 66%
  - location and ability to live at home: 63%
  - cost of tuition and fees: 53%
  - consolidation with Anschutz Medical Campus: 27%
- First-Year satisfaction varies with living environment:
  - residence halls: 3.35 (5.0 scale, 3.5 goal)
  - home: 3.68
- First-Year satisfaction varies with ethnicity:
  - Black = 3.28
  - Hispanic = 3.18
  - White = 3.52

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**FoE Next Steps**

- Late April – complete campus-wide review of Dimension Committee Reports
- Early May – finalize Dimension Committee reports
- Mid May – complete draft of Final Report
- Late May – review of Final Report draft
- Mid June – submit final FoE Report to Provost and Policy Center
- Late Sept – UE Symposium on implementation strategy of FoE Plan

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**FoE Campus-Wide Review**

www.cudenver.edu/ue/foe

You will find:
- explanation of the FoE program
- assessment process
- the draft of each of the nine Dimension Committee (DC) reports
- link to simple, short questionnaire for each DC report

*Your review and comments are valuable to the FoE planning process.*